

HYLAN ADMITTED HE SAW SHONTS ON A 7-CENT FARE PLAN

Curran Recalls Mayor's Interview in Hearst's Paper and Asks Nine Questions.

WHY WAS THE SECRECY?

Conference Kept Quiet for Five Months Until Made Public by Shonts.

Henry H. Curran, Coalition candidate for Mayor, in addresses last night at six Brooklyn meetings, trained his batteries again on Mayor Hylan's 5-cent fare war cry. He said: "I am not going to make a speech to you to-night. I am just going to ask Mr. Hylan some questions, nine of them, in fact, about his dicker with Shonts regarding a 7-cent fare. I hope that Mr. Hylan's answers will help clear our minds on this subject. "Here is the story that I brought to your attention and which I have declared, and do continue to declare, absolutely refutes Mr. Hylan's claim that he never considered anything but a 5-cent fare.

"On Jan. 8, 1918, the people of this city were astonished to read in the morning papers that the late Theodore P. Shonts had appeared before the Public Service Commission on Jan. 7 and had testified that, more than four months before, he had been in secret conference with Mayor Hylan in an effort to work out some plan of relief for the traction company. Mr. Shonts asserted that 'sometime in August, 1918,' Mr. Hylan had invited him to his office and that he had met there a Mr. MacFarland, to whom the Mayor had introduced him as Mr. Hearst's lawyer in Boston, remarking: 'This gentleman wants to help you get a 7-cent fare for your various lines, and, I think, under certain conditions he can succeed.' Mr. Shonts testified that this first meeting was followed by several other conferences where he and the Mayor discussed the situation. On one occasion the Mayor said to him: 'Our people will stand for an increased fare providing they themselves get the benefit of it and not the private corporations.' Mr. Shonts made this statement also under oath.

QUOTES HYLAN'S STATEMENT PUBLISHED NEXT DAY.

"On Jan. 9, 1919, the day after the facts leaked out, the New York American, published by Mr. Hearst, carried Mr. Hylan's answer with big black headlines: 'Mayor Hylan Explains Shonts Fare Deal.' The big black headlines that the Hearst papers ought to carry to-morrow: 'Mr. Curran exposes Mr. Hylan's 7-cent fare deal with Mr. Shonts.' I quote now from the American excerpts from this answer issued at City Hall Jan. 9, which are relevant to Mr. Shonts's testimony:

"It was Mr. Shonts himself, who, without any suggestion from me, invited himself to call at my office at the City Hall, requesting an interview. "There was no occasion or desire for secrecy on my part. The abnormal conditions created by the war are not going to last forever. I did, therefore, make a counter suggestion to Mr. Shonts that while temporary relief might possibly be worked out of the best features of the Boston plan and of the one suggested for Chicago, having in mind mainly the operation of the transit lines by trustees to be appointed by the Governor of the State or the Mayor of the city, with a proper regard for the public interest.

"I still believe that if the traction lines of the city were in the hands of trustees appointed by the Governor or the Mayor, with the watered stock in each company eliminated, they would be operated to better advantage for the people. "To get the benefit of the experience of some one who had special knowledge of the working of the Boston plan, and who, at the same time was not under the control or under the influence of the local traction interest here, I called in G. S. R. McFarland of Boston, who had worked on the Boston trusteeship plan. "I arranged for a conference between Mr. McFarland and Mr. Shonts to see if any part of the Boston trusteeship plan would be workable for New York.

"Later on, owing to the illness of Mr. McFarland, and after several telephone calls from Mr. Shonts, I asked Corporation Counsel Burr to take the matter up. "Mr. Shonts has since died, and we will not be able to get his version of these curious transactions further than his sworn testimony. Mr. Hylan is the only one who can enlighten us. I therefore ask him the following questions:

"First—If you did not invite Mr. Shonts to your office, how did it happen that when he came there he met Mr. McFarland, Mr. Hearst's traction expert in Boston? "Second—Who told you to call in Mr. McFarland, and who certified to

Famous Americans Who Came Back to Life At the Rehearsal for "America's Making"



DOLLY MADISON, LA MONTAGNE, AS DOLLY MADISON, "AMERICA'S MAKING" REHEARSAL AT THE PLAZA HOTEL.

ALEDA C. CHAMBERLIN, DAUGHTER OF DR. AND MRS. EDWIN C. CHAMBERLIN OF N. Y., AS PRISCILLA ALDEN; RICHARD ALLEN AS MILES STANDISH AT THE PLAZA HOTEL YESTERDAY.

his knowledge of New York traction matters?

"Third—When you called in Mr. McFarland, did you know that he, through Mr. Hearst's newspaper, the Boston American, was largely responsible for the adoption of the so-called Boston trusteeship plan?

"Fourth—When you introduced Mr. MacFarland to Mr. Shonts in August, 1918, did you know that under the MacFarland trusteeship plan carfare in Boston had already been raised to 7 cents?

"Fifth—If you did not encourage Mr. Shonts to believe you favored a 7-cent fare, why didn't you say so specifically in your statement of Jan. 8, made when Mr. Shonts was still alive? "Sixth—What inducement did you hold out to Mr. Shonts that he should keep calling you up on the telephone, speeding action on the plan you and Mr. MacFarland were working out?

"Seventh—What did you mean when you said: 'I did therefore make a counter suggestion to Mr. Shonts that some temporary relief plan might possibly be worked out'?

"Eighth—If there was no desire for secrecy on your part when these conferences were on, why was it that Mr. Shonts's testimony under oath, five months later, was the first information the people of this city had of your dicker with traction promoters? "Ninth—Are you still convinced that the traction lines of the city should be in the hands of trustees appointed by the Governor or the Mayor?

SAYS THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ALL THE FACTS.

"These questions are based upon the published records of this city. They require specific answers. 'The people have a right to know just what was going on in the City Hall three years ago.' "On their sworn statements of facts, will Mr. Hylan tell why he attempted to sell out the people of New York City in a secret conference held at the City Hall with Shonts and 'Boston Mac,' who handed his own city a 7-cent fare, 'old bricks'?

"Mr. Curran received a warm welcome from the members of the Kwanan Club and their guests at the city's weekly luncheon at the Hotel McAlpin at noon. His address was frequently interrupted by applause. Mr. Curran gave the business men comprising the club, a straight business talk. He said it was a straight business proposition for all the business men to get out and vote for the coalition ticket, and get all their friends to do likewise.

Speaking of Mayor Hylan he said it was a question with the voters as to whether they wanted four more years of his administration and he repeated his declaration that Hylan had not kept any of his promises he made before he was elected.

VIGILANTES ARMING TO STOP CRIME WAVE

Rockville Centre Aroused After Burglar Tries to Enter Widow's Cellar.

Unless the crime wave that has washed over Rockville Centre recedes there will be a committee of vigilantes in charge of the town after a certain hour at night. Things were bad enough with a half dozen burglaries and near burglaries in ten days until last night when some one tried to enter the cellar of Mrs. A. O. Cunningham, widow of a lawyer, at No. 78 Raymond Street.

Her screams broke up a bridge whist party next door and brought Mayor Edwin W. Wallace, who is also Chief of Police, and others to the rescue. Mayor Wallace is a New York attorney. He was armed with a repeating rifle. Village Trustee Frank Reynolds had a .45 Colt and Capt. W. G. Bacon had a .30-30 Savage.

To-day the Mayor announced that the police force will be increased and motorists out after midnight, just parked in the roadside or going through, will have to give an account of themselves.

Searching the roads last night, Trustee Reynolds called upon a taxi-cab to halt. John Simpson, the driver, went right ahead but after a few shots pulled up. "If any one gets peppered by reason of his refusal to halt, the police will not be held responsible," said Chief of Police and Mayor Wallace.

BONUS TO LINER'S CREW IF PERSHING BEATS FOCH HERE

Steamers George Washington and Paris in Neck and Neck Race to Port.

Indications to-day are that the French liner Paris, bringing Marshal Foch to America, and the Shipping Board liner George Washington, bringing Gen. Pershing home, are running a "neck and neck" transatlantic race, and that they will enter New York Harbor almost together.

A wireless from Capt. Maurass of the Paris received at the French Line offices here at 9:30 A. M. said the steamer would reach Quarantine at 2 P. M. to-morrow. The George Washington, according to latest advices, will reach Ambrose Light at noon to-morrow, which should bring it to Quarantine about the same time as the Paris.

Gen. Pershing sent a wireless to Major Gen. Bullard, Army Commander here, asking him to use his influence to speed the Washington, and the Shipping Board took up the matter with the United States Lines operating the ships. The result was a wireless to Capt. Cunningham of the Washington granting him permission to offer a bonus to the stokers if they got the Washington in ahead of the Paris, and leave to use all the full necessary.

The programme as arranged is that Marshal Foch is to be met down the bay by a committee as was the Italian Generalissimo Diaz and escorted to City Hall for a welcome by the Mayor, after which he will start on his tour of the United States in a special train from the Pennsylvania Station. Gen. Pershing and Mr. Roberts will accompany him.

The train will first go to Washington, where the Marshal and his party and the French Ambassador will lunch Saturday with President and Mrs. Harding. From Washington he will go to Kansas City where he will dedicate a Knights of Columbus memorial and participate with Gen. Diaz, Admiral Beatty, Gen. Jacques and Gen. Pershing in a great American Legion parade.

He will return to New York Nov. 13 and the American Legion will give him a reception at the Hippodrome Nov. 20. He will be the guest while there of Delaney Kountze, at No. 122 East 75th Street.

Admiral Lord Beatty will be the guest of the Pilgrims at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night. Gen. Diaz will return to New York Nov. 9 to attend the nuns at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the soul of the unknown soldier of Italy who is to be buried in flames on that day.

PLANE BURNS, TWO KILLED.

Brooklyn Man Was One of the Victims.

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 27.—Lieut. Eric Bouquet of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Staff Sergt. Vernon E. Vickers of Montgomery, Ala., were killed yesterday when their airplane burst into flames while they were attempting to join a formation at a 2,000 feet altitude. The bodies and the airplane were badly burned.

MADISON SUSPECT UNMOVED BY NIGHT OF POLICE GRILLING

Admits Being Near Scene of Lawrence Girl's Death, but Denies Guilt.

(Special to The Evening World.) MORRISTOWN, N. J., Oct. 27.—All last night and to-day, Capt. Brex and Lieut. Wilday of the Morristown police questioned Frank Jancarek, twenty years old, in connection with the murder of little Janette Lawrence in Kluxen's Woods near Madison, Oct. 6.

Frank McGorery, an occasional laborer about Morristown, had told Capt. Brex that he met Jancarek near Madison on the night of the murder. The man's clothes were stained, he said, and Jancarek told him of attacking the girl and killing her because he thought she recognized him.

Jancarek was arrested yesterday at his home in Floral Park, near here. He has made a number of conflicting statements, but would not admit knowing anything about the murder of the little girl or that he was in Kluxen's Woods the night Janette Lawrence was killed.

According to the detectives, Jancarek has admitted being in Madison on the afternoon of Oct. 6. He said he went to see his brother Jerry, who works in Barton's greenhouse, and before going to the greenhouse, waited at the store of O'Donnell & Patterson to buy a copy of the evening paper, the Jerseyman, when it came; his brother, he said, wanted the paper. Jerry Jancarek was not at the greenhouse and Frank went home, he says.

Jerry Jancarek says he did not know his brother had called at the greenhouse and that no copy of the Jerseyman was left there for him.

Frank Jancarek has not been able to explain what became of the paper or what route he followed going home. A torn piece of the Jerseyman of Oct. 6 was found near the girl's body. The police had accepted the explanation that it was dropped there by one of those called to the scene after the crime was committed.

The piece of sash cord with which the slain girl's arms were bound is being compared with the cords used to control the sashes in Barton's greenhouse. Lieut. Wilday says he has learned from the police of Somerville that Jancarek, who formerly lived there, had attacked his employer with a knife and was prevented from killing him only by the interference of other workers.

McGorery has never been charged with a crime, though the police say his associations have not been good.

The questioning of Jancarek has caused the public prosecutor to postpone putting the case before the Grand Jury in order to dispose of the charge against young Francis Kluxen 33 who has been under arrest.

HUGHES AIDS VASSAR CAMPAIGN. Mrs. Elton Huntington, Treasurer, Chairman of the Metropolitan District Committee of the Vassar Engagement Fund, announced yesterday at campaign headquarters, No. 538 Madison Avenue, that a contribution of \$1,000 had been received from Secretary and Mrs. Charles F. Hughes.

OPEN-MINDED MAYOR HYLAN.

Mayor Hylan was presiding at a meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee, when he was asked if he had any comment to make on The Evening World's offer, to print his traction plan, to any length.

"Coming as it does from The New York World, I don't even want to see it," replied the Mayor.

'YOU'RE A WISE GUY,' HYLAN IS TOLD; IT MAKES HIM BLUSH

Attorney Snaps Fingers at Mayor's Threat to Revoke Broad Channel Lease.

RESIDENTS MAKE KICK.

City Plans to Take Over Bungalow Colony Unless Light and Water Are Guaranteed.

Mayor Hylan threatened to-day to send Health Commissioner Copeland and Police Commissioner Enright down to the Broad Channel bungalow settlement on an archipelago of mud-flats in Jamaica Bay and force the corporation which has leased the property from the city to guarantee light, water and proper sanitary conditions among the 4,000 residents or relinquish its concession. Pending this step, the Sinking Fund Commission voted Dock Commissioner Murray Hulbert power to revoke the private company's lease and to seize the public utilities there.

In the face of these threats Sheriff John Sayres, an officer of and attorney for the lessee company, figuratively snapped his fingers in the Mayor's face and said:

"You know you haven't a Chinaman's chance to cancel that lease," he declared. "We don't propose to be kicked out by you or any one else. How can you oust us after we have sunk hundreds of thousands of our money and paid \$120,000 to the city in six years?"

"I know the game," retorted the Mayor. "You let the light plant go to smash and later comes a water famine. While the people are howling for relief you try to make a deal with the city."

"What a marvellous brain you have!" retorted Sayres with withering sarcasm. "Really, you are the most wonderful person I have ever met."

The Mayor blushed violently as when Stewart Browne, the real estate man, told him yesterday that he loved him.

"Let me tell you something else," went on Sayres. "Nobody can fool you. Why? Oh because you're a real wise guy."

Kipling's story "The City of Dreadful Night" would seem to fit some of the descriptions of the terrors that creep up from the ooze of Jamaica Bay and seize hold of even the most intrepid of the 4,000 bungalowers after the shades of night have fallen. Since Sept. 27, when the electric light plant broke down, Broad Channel has been lit solely by the moon, stars, candle light and gasolene light. The grocer and even the drug store must be reached by instinct and flashlight. Indignant women claimed that Broad Channel has become a hot bed of bad-ups.

"It's no dark you can't tell whether your next-door neighbor or the lead-in citizen has turned footpad," one woman said.

"We must tie our kiddies to us like poodles when we go for an evening stroll so that they won't wander off into the bay," a mother of six complained.

"And now they are threatening to cut off our supply of water!" wailed a tall lady.

"Yes, Pierre Nord, President of the lessee company, is getting his rain barrel ready," vouchsafed another.

"Just think of it, Mr. Mayor, people in this city being driven back to primitive rain barrels!"

Sayers lifted at the rain barrel rumor. He said there was nothing to it.

"At any rate, ladies," asserted the Mayor, "if they don't treat you right the city will send the Health Commissioner and the Police Commissioner and they'll take full possession of Broad Channel."

Whereupon the ladies applauded and moved homeward in battle formation.

CHILD WELFARE BOARD MAY GET SITE FOR PARK. Staking Fund Commission Will Consider Request.

Miss Sophie Irene Leach, President of the Child Welfare Board, received assurance from the Sinking Fund Commission to-day that it would place on its calendar for consideration at its next meeting the turning over for park purposes of the entire block surrounding the Child Welfare Board's new home on Worth Street.

HE SEEKS HIS CHILD AND WIFE; NEIGHBOR SEEKS HER HUSBAND



Reward for Return of Mrs. Alterio, Reported Gone With Her Daughter and Friend's Spouse.

Frederick Alterio, No. 200 East 132d Street, went to the Bureau of Missing Persons this morning and offered a reward of \$1,000 for the return of his wife and ten-year-old daughter. With him was Mrs. Emma Truchan, occupant of another apartment at the same address, and she said her husband, Harry, was missing, but she did not offer a reward.

Alterio said that on Sunday Mrs. Alterio went to White Plains to see her daughter, Josephine, at the convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Alterio says she took \$1,000 in cash and \$2,000 worth of jewels. It was also on Sunday that Prucha left his home. He is an iron worker and took his union card with him.

Alterio was informed that Mrs. Alterio and a man had called at the convent Sunday in an automobile and taken the little girl for a ride. Since then no trace has been found of Mrs. Alterio, Mr. Prucha, or the little girl.

BOY SCOUTS HUNT FOR MISSING CHILD

No Trace Yet Found by Police, Students and Others Searching Jersey Woods.

Not a trace has as yet been found of Stella Ostraski, the six-and-one-half-year-old daughter of a farmer of Fresh Pond, N. J., who disappeared from the school in that village, seven miles from New Brunswick, during yesterday's recess.

Fifty boys of the Junior High School of New Brunswick were to-day released from their studies to join detachments of Boy Scouts of the countryside about Fresh Pond, and County Prosecutor Stricker has assigned a detachment of Middlesex detectives to the search. There are several ponds and much woodland in the thinly settled region about Fresh Pond and all these will be searched.

The last person yet found who saw little Stella was her sister Mary, eight years old. When the pupils were released to the class, the search of the recess yesterday, she and Stella were in the rear of the schoolhouse. She at once ran in, thinking that Stella was following her.

HIS WIFE'S TEETH OUT, GIANT GETS HER \$500

Heath Emboldens Him for Coup, and Later to Fight Police.

John Kohlen is 6 feet tall and weighs 300 pounds, and his wife is about as big as his fist. Still, when she is at her best, she is credited with being able to control him.

Yesterday, however, Mrs. Kohlen had been at the dentist's office and he had pulled twenty teeth. Then she had gone to her home, No. 112 West 14th Street, and to bed. It is charged that her husband, emboldened by what he had under his belt and an additional supply in his hip pocket, walked in and took his wife's savings, \$500, which she kept in a secret place. Then he went out.

Some hours later it took Detectives Hoffman and Lynch and two patrolmen to lock him up. He had \$268 left.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

The Justices of the Second Judicial District, Brooklyn, have begun an action in an effort to compel the Board of Estimate to provide in the budget for a \$500 increase in the pay of three court attendants and a \$250 increase for a clerk.

A total of \$1,000 in fines was collected yesterday in the Traffic Court. Three hundred and fifty cases were tried, of which 25 were found for speeding. First offenders were fined from \$5 to \$100 and 22 chauffeurs were sent to jail for terms ranging from three to ten days each in default of payment of fines.

Louis Larson, fifty-four, of No. 1847 Bergen Street, a watchman in the Armory coffee plant at the foot of Jay Street, Brooklyn, was run over by a switch engine in the yards of the plant early to-day and killed.

William Gadsden, twenty-five, of No. 2145 Fifth Avenue, was arrested yesterday on a charge of kidnapping a group who escaped from Hackensack Jail on July 19, while held on a charge of holding up a brickyard paymaster. The fugitives shot and wounded a prisoner in making their escape.

FALLING WALLS IMPERIL MANY AT FACTORY FIRE

Bursting Hose Adds to Danger at Blaze That Drives Out Hundreds in Brooklyn.

Bursting hose and falling brick endangered hundreds of factory employees and firemen at a three-alarm fire in the congested Wallabout factory district of Brooklyn to-day.

Section after section of hose burst as soon as the water was turned on in response to the first alarm from the four-story brick building at Nos. 118-122 Classon Avenue, near Park Avenue.

While the firemen were vainly striving to turn some effective streams on the burning building, occupied chiefly by a feather cleaning establishment, the dense clouds of black smoke drove hundreds of employees of other plants to the streets. Only the well-regulated fire drills prevented a panic as the men and women, choked and blinded by the smoke, picked their way through the maze of fire apparatus arriving in answer to the second and third alarms.

Shortly after the first stream of water was played on the building a section of the wall between the third and fourth floors crashed to the street. Acting Deputy Chief Patrick Maher of No. 88 Bay 28th Street ordered the men from Hook and Ladder No. 102 to safety, but did not succeed in escaping the shower of brick himself. After treatment by Dr. Elmhurst of the Cumberland Street Hospital he returned to active duty.

The first floor and part of the second were occupied by Paul Bouscave, a coal and wood merchant, with woodyards and coal pockets in the rear. The Imperial Feather Company occupied the remainder of the building. The ten men at work when the fire started reached the street safely.

Nearly 200 automobiles stored in a garage adjoining the burning building were removed without damage. Traffic was tied up more than an hour on the Flushing, Graham and Park Avenue lines.

JOBS OFFERED FOR 25 DISABLED VETERANS

America's Making Exposition Has Work for Ex-Servicemen.

Applications are desired from twenty-five disabled service men for employment as ushers, ticket takers and program sellers during the America's Making Exposition at the 1st Regiment Armory from Saturday night next until Nov. 12.

It is not to be a war show, but a series of great pageants showing how the American Colonies came together and builded for freedom and representative government. Gov. Miller will open the first evening's show at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Miss Elizabeth Burchenal and Mrs. J. Ward Crampton are conducting rehearsals of the 1,600 participants at the armory.

Slashed in Street Row.

Victor Lane of No. 34 Walcott Street, Brooklyn, walked into Long Island College Hospital early to-day suffering from a stab wound, probably mortal, in the abdomen. He said he had got into a row with a man whose name he does not know in Luger Street and had received the injury.

Bees Make Home In Pumpkin, and Pies are Great

Vegetable Contained Nothing but Honey, but Housewife Had to Endure Stings to Get It.

(Special to The Evening World.) CALDWELL, N. J., Oct. 27.—Ted Farrand is a building inspector and an amateur pumpkin raiser. After the frost night before last he went out to the garden and selected a sixty-pounder which he brought into the kitchen.

"There's a little bit of a hole in this, Mary," he said to his wife. "I'm afraid it won't keep. So you'll better make some pies."

Well, it was along toward noon before Mrs. Farrand got around to it. By that time the big yellow thing was all warmed up to the temperature of the kitchen, which was like that of the garden in August. She slipped a knife through the pumpkin and a swarm of bees flew out.

They flew all over the kitchen and all over Mrs. Farrand. She got a lot of stings before she escaped and the bees flew out the window, and some of the marks of the stingers will be visible even when she's dressed for church next Sunday. Then all the congregation will know the story's true.

When the pumpkin was more closely examined, after the departure of the bees, it was found to contain nothing but honey.

The pies were great.

JAPANESE CRUISERS HERE WITH "MIDDIES"

Yakumo and Idzuma Arrive on World Training Cruise.

The Japanese cruisers Yakumo and Idzuma, on a cruise around the world with midshipmen in training, arrived here to-day and went to an anchorage in the North River off 96th Street. They had come from San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal.

There was an exchange of salutes as the cruisers came into the upper bay, and when they arrived at their berths (Capt. Yocobashi, Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and two aides went aboard from the man-o-war landing to welcome the Japanese Rear Admiral commanding.)

The vessels will leave here on Nov. 8 and go to Europe by way of the Azores and then take the Mediterranean-Suez Canal way home to Japan.

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